P.H., dated 13th May 1946 and No. 2113, P.H., dated 12th June 1947, are placed on the table of the House.

" (c) Seats have been allotted districtwar based on population —vide statement placed on the table of the House.

" (f) & (h) Statements giving the information required are placed on the table of the House.

" (g) No student from the Ceded Districts reading in any of the Engineering Colleges has been transferred to the College of Engineering, Guindy. However, 15 students of the Anantapur College who were allotted in to the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, last year, have now been transferred to the College now at Guindy. All these 15 students are not from the Ceded Districts as the Anantapur college has students from other areas also."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Does not the instruction (*d*) at page 4 of printed answer go against the principle contained in the nativity certificate printed on page 3? The instruction that I refer to is 'the district in which the candidate or his parents resided at the time of applying for admission to the college, may be taken as the district to which the candidate belongs, etc., etc.' Suppose some Tamilian from the Tinnevelly district is serving in the district of Bellary and if for the purpose of admission the candidate's district is taken to be Bellary does it not affect the interests of the Bellary district?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The idea of fixing admission on a districtwar basis was to give representation and opportunities to the various districts. While this was given effect to care should be taken also to see that the linguistic proportion was not disturbed."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is that instruction not against the principle of the nativity certificate No. 2 printed on page 3 of the answer?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That may be so, Sir. Anyhow the idea of the Government was that every district must have representation."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In allocating seats districtwar did not the Government take into account the backwardness of the area and allot more seats?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That would depend on the availability of students. Even for the seats allotted they have not been able to get sufficient number of students from those districts."

The Oriental Manuscripts Library.

* 207 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state with reference to answer to question No. 35 answered on the 19th September 1947,

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whether in view of the existence of a large number of Sanskrit manuscripts in the Oriental Manuscripts Library and that most of the enquiries received and answered are in respect of Sanskrit manuscripts, the Government have at any time considered the desirability of appointing an officer well-versed in Sanskrit as the head of the Library?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Education) :—" The present rules relating to the appointment of the Curator of the Library provide that the person appointed as Curator should possess among other qualifications, a working knowledge of Sanskrit, and the present incumbent of the post has a working knowledge of Sanskrit. As however, the largest number of manuscripts in the library are Sanskrit Manuscripts, the Government propose to prescribe the following revised qualifications for the post of curator of the library :—

(a) A first or second-class degree of M.A., or B.A. (Hons.) of any British or Indian University in Sanskrit :

Provided that preference shall be given to a candidate who has in addition knowledge of one or more of the following languages, namely, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Arabic and Persian ; or

(b) If a candidate with the above qualifications is not available, the first or second-class degree of M.A., or B.A., (Hons.) of any British or Indian University in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Arabic, or Persian :

Provided that preference shall be given to a candidate who knows in addition to read and write Sanskrit."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are these qualifications to be imposed for fresh recruits or will they be applicable for appointees by transfer as Curator of the Oriental Manuscripts Library?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir. But I believe that this would apply to new recruits."

Seniority of officers in the Madras Educational Service.

* 208 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU : Will the Hon. Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in settling the seniority of officers in the Madras Educational Service, the period of service other than in the Madras Educational Service Cadre also is taken into consideration ; if so, why?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Education) :—" The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The latter part does not arise."

SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU :—" Is the Government aware that there are certain cases like that?"